

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attorney's Docket Number:02037IP

Applicant: Robert Goetze  
Serial No.: N/A  
Filed: Herewith  
For:

**PROTECTIVE CASUAL FOOTWEAR SUITABLE AS A SLIPPER**

**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **PROTECTIVE CASUAL FOOTWEAR SUITABLE AS A SLIPPER** described in:

( ☒ ) the specification filed herewith

( ) application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_,  
filed \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) patent no. \_\_\_\_\_,  
issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

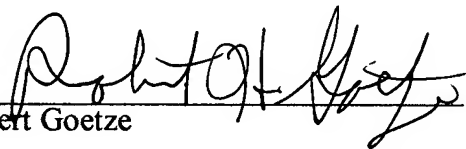
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Concern Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18, of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

  
Robert Goetze

DATE

7/12/03

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF  
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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, Post Office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PROTECTIVE CASUAL FOOTWEAR SUITABLE AS A SLIPPER**, the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

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I hereby appoint Charles E. Lykes, Jr., Esq., Registration Number 30,083, whose address is:

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to act as my attorney in the matter of this patent application with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

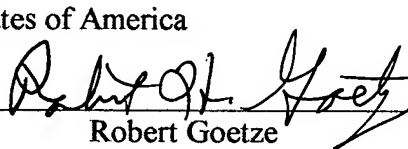
I request that all correspondence be directed to the above office address of said attorney.

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